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Applicants : Michael R. Hale et al.  
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Mail Stop Amendment  
Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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New York, New York  
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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the March 27, 2006 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17(a)(3) to extend the time for replying for a period of three months up to and including July 27, 2006.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 38 of this paper.